

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** z114hard

**Other known title(s):** Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 1900040.004

**Medium:** Image File

**Publisher:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** Not applicable

**Applicant:** Waitakere District Court

**Classification:** Objectionable.

**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 28 February 2019

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

**Date of notice of decision:** No notice of decision has been issued

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file is deemed to be objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. It contains an explicit, sexualised nude image of a young teenage boy. The image is clearly intended to arouse those with a sexual interest in boys. The availability of such material encourages the creation or reinforcement of this sexual interest by presenting young persons as appropriate subjects for adult sexual fantasy and desire. The objectionable classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes and also reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from such exploitation.